

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-14, 37-43 and 54-69 are currently pending. Claims 1, 13, 37, 42, and 54, which are independent, are hereby amended. Claims 15-36 and 44-53 have been previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. No new matter has been introduced. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification as originally filed and specifically at page 25. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicant is entitled.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-5, 7-10, 13, 14, 37-39, 42, 43, 54, 55, 57, 58, 60, 61, 63, 64, 66, 67, and 69 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Application 2002/0033888 to Yamagami in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,516,135 to Higuchi, et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,144,797 to MacCormack, et al. and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,937,272 to Loui.

Claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Application 2002/0033888 to Yamagami in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,516,135 to Higuchi, et al.

and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,144,797 to MacCormack, et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,937,272 to Loui and further in view of U.S. Application 2001/0012067 to Spitzer, et al.

Claims 11, 12, 40, 41, 56, 59, 62, 65, and 68 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Application 2002/0033888 to Yamagami in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,516,135 to Higuchi, et al. and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,144,797 to MacCormack, et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,937,272 to Loui and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,257,142 to Hong.

III. RESPONSE TO REJECTIONS

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*:

“...first writing means for writing image data, an index of single image data, and an index of dynamic image data which is compressed by said first signal processing means on a first removable recording medium;

reading means for reading the image data, the index of single image data, and the index of dynamic image data from said first recording medium...

...wherein, while the image data recorded on said first recording medium is reproduced and displayed on said display means, said selecting means allows a user to select the image data recorded on said first recording medium to be transferred to said second recording medium,

wherein the image data recorded on the first recording medium includes single image data, dynamic image data, the index of single image data, and the index of dynamic image data...

wherein when the image data is a still image, reproduction is paused, and

wherein when the image data is a dynamic image, the image data is recorded as the image data is displayed.
(emphasis added)

The present amendment recites a feature that is described on page 25 of the Specification. Specifically, the present invention distinguishes between still image data and dynamic image data; particularly in that when the image data is a still image, reproduction of the data is paused. Furthermore, when the image data is a dynamic image, the image data is recorded as it is displayed.

As understood by Applicant, U.S. Application 2002/0033888 to Yamagami (hereinafter, merely “Yamagami”) relates to a user that sets an attribute generated by a digital camera to store the attribute in a file. A system includes a host computer serving as an attribute data setting means for setting attribute data related to image data or voice data, a nonvolatile memory serving as an attribute data holding means for holding the set attribute data in a digital camera in advance, a CPU serving as a recording means for automatically adding the attribute data held in the nonvolatile memory to the image data or the voice data to record the image data or the voice data, and a media recording I/F.

As understood by Applicant, U.S. Patent No. 6,516,135 to Higuchi, et al. (hereinafter, merely “Higuchi”) relates to compressed video data processing with conversion of image compression format. A local server records compressed digital video data according to a first image compression format at normal and four times speeds, while a main server records compressed digital video data according to a second image compression format at normal speed. An image format converter is provided between the local and main servers. The image format converter converts compressed digital video data according to the first image compression format

output at normal speed from the local server to compressed digital video data according to the second image compression format to be sent out over the main server.

As understood by Applicant, U.S. Patent No. 6,144,797 to MacCormack, et al. (hereinafter, merely "MacCormack") relates to an intelligent video information management system where a first sequence of dynamic video images is generated by a first video camera on a first occasion and is recorded on a hard disk. The same camera, or a different camera, generates a second sequence of dynamic video images on a second occasion that is later than the first occasion, and the second sequence is recorded on the hard disk.

As understood by Applicant Loui relates to an integrated motion-still capture system with indexing. Specifically, Applicant submits that Loui is directed to high resolution and low resolution image compression with the use of pointers and does not relate to still images and dynamic images, as claimed in claim 1.

Thus, Applicant submits that Yamagami, Higuchi, MacCormack and Loui, taken alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest the above-identified features of claim 1. Specifically, Applicant submits that there is no teaching or suggestion first writing means for a writing image data, an index of single image data, and an index of dynamic image data which is compressed by said first signal processing means on a first removable recording medium, a reading means for reading the image data, the index of single image data, and the index of dynamic image data from said first recording medium, and while the image data recorded on said first recording medium is reproduced and displayed on said display means, said selecting means allows a user to select either one image data or collective the image data recorded on said first recording medium to be transferred to said second recording medium, wherein the image data recorded on the first recording medium includes single image data, dynamic image data, an index

of single image data, and an index of dynamic image data, wherein when the image data is a still image, reproduction is paused, and wherein when the image data is a dynamic image, the image data is recorded as the image data is displayed. as recited in claim 1.

Therefore, Applicant submits that independent claim 1 is patentable.

For reasons similar to, or somewhat similar to, those described above with regard to independent claim 1, independent claims 13, 37, 42 and 54 are also patentable.

IV. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims are dependent from one of the independent claims, discussed above, and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION


In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosure in the cited reference, or references, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference, or references, providing the basis for a contrary view.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicant respectfully requests early passage to issue of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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